



# Office of Community Services

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program | LIHWAP

## How Federal Aid for High Water Costs Helps Struggling Families

Stats for FY2022

### OKLAHOMA A State Snapshot

Total funding received: **\$14,997,336**

Program start date: **December 28, 2021**

Months providing benefits in FY22: **9**



### How has LIHWAP impacted households in need in Oklahoma?

Average LIHWAP benefit

**\$422.67**

Highest LIHWAP benefit  
amount

**\$750**

Of LIHWAP's funding<sup>6</sup> in  
Oklahoma...

**26.3%**

has prevented  
disconnections, while

**41.4%**

has restored services

**32.3%**

has reduced current rates

Partnerships established

**210**

### THE COST OF WATER IN OKLAHOMA

Nationally, water is the fastest growing household utility service. As a result, many Americans in Oklahoma are struggling to pay their water and wastewater bills.

Median water and  
wastewater rate in 2022

**\$105.97**

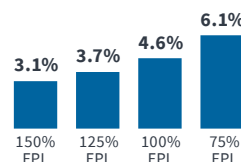
Rate includes water + sewer  
per month<sup>1</sup>

Income-eligible  
individuals

**994,270**

Total individuals under  
150% FPL<sup>2</sup>

Percent of income spent on water/  
wastewater by poverty rate<sup>3</sup>



FPL: Federal Poverty Level<sup>4</sup>

### What is LIHWAP?

LIHWAP is the first-ever federal water assistance program to help meet unmet water needs across the country by helping low-income households pay for their water and wastewater bills.

### Who in Oklahoma benefits?

LIHWAP benefits households with the lowest incomes, and who pay a high proportion of income for drinking water or are facing water disconnection. This includes:

Oklahoma households  
benefited

**4,627**

Households with at  
least one vulnerable  
individual<sup>5</sup>

**21.9%**



The LIHWAP program is so helpful. I'm on Social Security, and my bills have gone up and up. The water assistance program has been a great help.

– Oklahoma LIHWAP Recipient



[www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/lihwap](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/lihwap) | [waterhelp.info](http://waterhelp.info)

<sup>1</sup>Water and sewer data from Duke University Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment and Sustainability (2022). Represents large and very large utilities at usage rate of 10,000 gallons/month for inside customers

<sup>2</sup>Calculated from ACS 2021 1-year estimates, individuals with income below 150% poverty level

<sup>3</sup>Poverty rate: US Census Bureau American Community Survey

<sup>4</sup>FPL: US Dept of Health and Human Services

<sup>5</sup>Unduplicated Vulnerable Households with at least one older adult, person with disabilities, child under 5

<sup>6</sup>Out of LIHWAP funding spent on benefits; excludes administrative costs.